

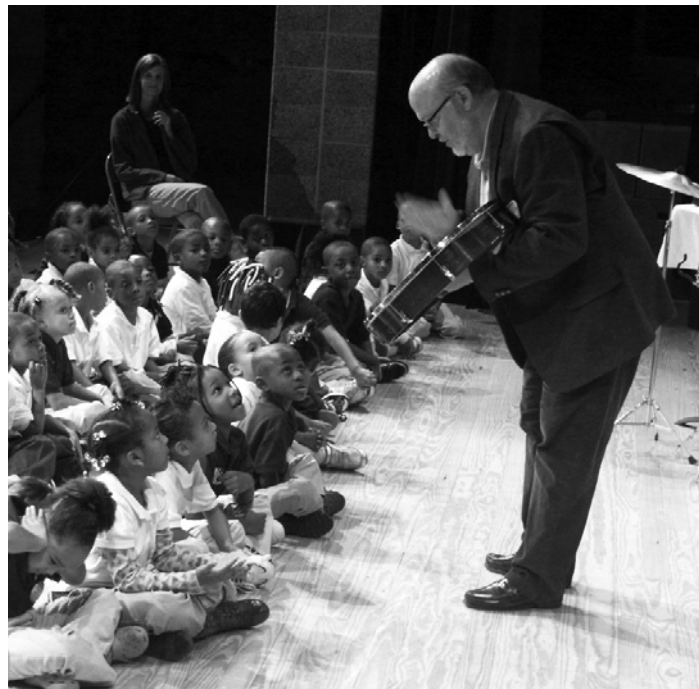
Percussion Discussion with Tim and Tom

Nearly 100 students in six classes at University Academy in Kansas City, Mo., enjoyed a humorous percussion presentation on Oct. 28, led by Kansas City Symphony percussionists Tom Plaster and Tim Jepson. Using an array of instruments from the familiar snare drum to exotic vibraslap, Tim and Tom demonstrated the tremendous variety of colors percussion brings to a symphony orchestra.

At the end of the program students tried out the snare drum, cymbal, tambourine and timpani. Smiles abounded.

Continuing our partnership with University Academy, Kansas City Symphony violist Kent Brauningner has organized a series of "Discovering Sound" presentation that help kindergarten through second-grade students learn about musical instruments. The first program was about string instruments, percussion followed, with brass next in line.

"Discovering Sound" is sponsored by Bush and Jamie Helzberg, and also occurs at Pembroke Hill School. It is part of the Symphony's Community Connections program, in which Symphony musicians provide free solo and small ensemble performances at more than 125 venues (schools, hospitals, libraries, health facilities and more) each year. ■



Special Concert for Symphony Society Members

The Kansas City Symphony will perform a special appreciation concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Lyric Theatre for Symphony Society members. Joining our donors will be major donors to the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts and ArtsKC Fund campaign chairs.

The event is free but will require tickets. There is a limit of two tickets per request, distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Music Director Michael Stern will conduct the concert, which will feature various classical selections.

As part of the program, Yasuhisa Toyota and Jane Chu will make a 10-minute presentation about the Kauffman Center for Performing Arts. Toyota is the world-renowned acoustician designing the Symphony Hall's interior. Chu is Executive Director of the Kauffman Center.

To reserve your tickets, contact the Kansas City Symphony Box Office at 816.471.0400 ■

Society Notes

Remember:

The Symphony's fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. Renew your Symphony Society membership early in the season and enjoy your benefits all season long. Go online to www.kcsymphony.org to view your benefits and/or make your gift today.

Save the date:

This year's Magic of Christmas reception is 6 pm, Dec. 13 at the Central Exchange, 1020 Central. The performance is at 7:30 pm at the Lyric Theatre. Invitations will go out soon.

Symphony Society Members Enjoy Season Opening Reception at The PrivateBank

Again this season, The PrivateBank hosted a season opening reception for members of the Symphony Society and patrons of PrivateBank. Board President Shirley Helzberg, Music Director Michael Stern, Assistant Conductor Steven Jarvi, Choral Director Charles Bruffy and guest artist Joyce DiDonato joined the guests. "I have an exceptional depth of feeling at returning to Kansas City for my fourth year with the Symphony" Stern told the crowd. "We are accomplishing something truly special and as palpable evidence of those accomplishments, the orchestra sounds as it never has before. It is an acknowledgement of their artistry that they are playing so well." ■



Charles Bruffy, Sherman Titans, and Joyce DiDonato

Together, Standing Strong

The economic news swirling through our nation is bound to make even the brightest optimist a bit shaky. And it's no surprise that my fellow development directors around the country are voicing concerns about their ability to maintain and grow their donor base and contributions. I'm no Pollyanna, but I just don't think it's going to be a major threat for the Symphony. Here's why:

Even in tough economic times Americans give generously. Every year for the past decade and well beyond, philanthropy has increased in this country. The difference now is that as the economy tightens, donor scrutiny grows ever more acute. That's good. We welcome it. Those organizations that deliver extraordinary value and impact, are well run and keep their promises will continue to thrive. I am pleased the Symphony is one of those outstanding organizations.

The strongest evidence, and what gives me the greatest sense of well-being, is that you remain at our side. We succeed because of *you*. Thank you.

So please, as you consider your charitable contributions, consider the Symphony's value and strength. Know your support of the Symphony is a sound investment. Rest confident, even in these uncertain times, that your generosity underscores what is the very best about our community as the Symphony strives to be the very best in our community.

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